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President's Message

I feel very humble in this position in wanting to serve the members of this organization so that we can make the most of our time and efforts in promoting and seeing that all things are done in wisdom and in order. We do not have in mind to injure one another but to work peaceably and to render to every man according to his due, courtesy, kindness, understanding and other such things pertaining to having good feelings about the S.U.P. To be able to do this I will be depending on the direction of the Lord and because man does not comprehend all things at once, I will try to be more understanding and try to make each life that I touch an experience for good. You know it is never too

late to learn and it doesn't matter whether you are 25 or 75, working in the S.U.P. can be a highly intellectual, spiritual pursuit; and the good thing about it is that you can begin at any time of the year to pursue it.

We are the watchers and the beacon of those great pioneer saints of the past. This is your organization and you know what we have to do to have an organization that will always be progressing and moving ahead. If we do these things we will be lifted up. I can't help but think and believe that this is part of the Lord's work, and as we try to succeed we must have His help and love our brothers as we serve.

Now in this free world we live in I firmly believe that we have a good reason to rejoice and that reason for rejoicing is because we will never have a better or a greater opportunity to carry on our pioneer heritage than we have here and now in this generation. So how great is our wisdom in terms of our attitudes whether we have a positive one or a negative one. Those who make a positive choice will have positive attitudes and those who make a negative choice can only expect negative results. So let me put out the call and say come all ye sons of Zion and let us do what is right, by talking and planning together, building up our membership in the organization, memorializing our pioneer ancestors, building monuments and plaques to their memory and enjoying each other's company at the various socials, treks and tours. I know that when we have accomplished a good environment and a more positive direction to work under, we will then begin to see some of our problems diminish and dwindle.

Following are some suggested goals which I would like to achieve:

1. A productive Gift and Legacy Program.
2. Completion of the Tile Program.
3. 25 Name Memorializations by the National officers by Jan. 14th.
4. 2 Name Memorializations from each Chapter each month.
5. 250 Life Members.
6. 4 new chapters.
7. Increased efficiency.
8. Impressive Public Relations.
9. Productive programs.

There are some additional ideas which we should keep in mind for the coming year. If followed, I feel it will help us to become stronger and even better than we now are.

1. Help your organization be a winner. An unprofitable organization is a loser for everyone.

2. The basic need of every organization is to make progress. Only then can it provide the needs of that organization.

3. No one yet has been able to invent an organization that can keep going indefinitely without making progress. An organization that is losing could face drastic changes and even reorganization which could become an uncomfortable, unsettling experience.

4. The president of an organization has an enormous obligation to its members to keep it moving ahead. Everybody knows how hard it is to keep expenses in line. This organization has the same problem with its expenses. Leadership cannot do the funding job without the cooperation of the members themselves.

5. Many members don't see how their membership influences the effectiveness of the organization. You may, at times, feel that way yourself that getting new members is someone else's problem. That isn't so. The plain fact is that everybody's membership affects the organization whether or not it is functioning on a high plain or a low plain. Its success depends a great deal on people like you and the decisions you make and what you are doing with your membership.

6. The people that can contribute the most, if they make the effort, are the people who will get involved in doing things.

7. Do we realize the value of our time? In an organization it is important to do things at the lowest possible cost. The biggest cost to any organization is wasted time. The more time we save, the better chance to beat other organizations and earn new members.

8. The best way to get ahead is to work for a winner, to be healthy, and to make it a great organization. But all of us have to do our share in reaching these goals.

The criteria most important to us all is to have an overall good work-

ing organization. The results of this will give us a clear margin. We just want to be the best.

This organization should be functional. It should be sophisticated without being complicated and it should be reliable without being boring.

A passion for excellence is something we should always have with us. To do this, we must learn to indulge ourselves in and with work. My point is simple, we have to satisfy our needs and pay the price to have our honor, to have the power of each other's friendship and create a legend that will be continued.

Morris P. Bennion

Editorial: Now Is The Time

by Leo L. Mower

There are some things that should have been done yesterday or perhaps weeks, months, or even many years ago. Others can wait until tomorrow or until some more distant time. Then there are those things for which **now is the time** to get started. To wait until some time in the future may prove to be just too late.

There are a number of things, applying to just about all of us, that need to be done almost immediately or, at least, very soon. Let's review just a few of these common to most people. Those of you who may have already accomplished them should give each other a pat on the back and then go on to other tasks that need doing.

Things to be done should probably be placed in some logical order of priority. First priority could likely be the question of whether or not you and your spouse have compiled your personal histories. If so, does it include your earlier years as well as those years that you have been together as a couple?

The term "history" in this case could perhaps be interpreted to mean just a brief personal sketch with a few pictures included. However, it could also mean the writing of a complete volume or volumes concerning your extended

families to include pertinent information on all possible ancestors. Either of these, or somewhere in between, would be a commendable personal achievement. It would be something that would likely make you feel very good about yourselves.

After your history has been written a proper distribution of it should be made. This is necessary to insure the availability of it in the future to those family members, and others, interested in you, your present family, and in your ancestors. Don't just leave them to wonder who you are and where you came from. Instead, leave them those words and pictures that will present to them the sought after information. Perhaps a copy of your completed history could be placed in the SUP library and elsewhere in other historical institutions.

If you have your history as a short sketch it is possible to have it published in the Pioneer magazine where it would immediately become available to a rather large number of people. There is also a file being kept in the Sons of Utah Pioneer library where short, and not so short, historical sketches are filed and indexed in such a way that they are readily available to anyone seeking such information from them. Books are properly indexed and then placed on the shelves beside other such publications already there.

During the compiling of your sketch, or complete history, you probably identified grandparents, great-grandparents and even great-great-grandparents who were pioneers. **Now would be the time** to check the plaques in the main hall of the National Headquarters Building to determine if those individuals or couples have been memorialized. If all of them are properly listed, give yourselves another pat on the back and proceed to other projects. If not, **now is the time** to have them memorialized. To do so should make you, other family members, and your many friends appreciate much more those pioneer ancestors who proceeded you to this country and to the valleys of the western mountains.

After your pioneer ancestors have been memorialized, or even while
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you are still working on them, you may wish to think about you and your spouse. It would be very nice if each couple could leave something visible in our headquarters building for them to be remembered by. An answer to this could be to memorialize the two of you on one of the tile being placed on the walls of the front basement stairway and lower hall of the headquarters building. This concept of memorialization could and should be extended to include your children and grandchildren along with their spouses. This would provide that visible proof that you and yours had indeed been here.

Many or most of us are probably concerned about the money that would be involved in all the memorializations mentioned herein. This is the way it should be because money is often difficult to come by and financing a somewhat expensive project does not always prove to be an easy task. We need to weigh the entire matter, giving due consideration to the purpose for which the money would be used. There always seems to be a price for everything and this is definitely true in this case. The monetary part of this type of an undertaking could be and is often spread out over an entire extended family as a way to help reduce individual burdens. While all of this is going on you need to remember that the money being paid out by the two of you, or by many, would be used for a very good cause. It would be used to help guarantee the future financial security of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Now is the time to begin to accomplish those things such as are recommended and discussed in this editorial. To put these tasks off too far into the future may mean that there may never be any visible reminders of each of us or of our pioneer ancestors for the future generations to remember us by. Please sustain the leadership of this great organization by supporting them in their efforts to insure the future, both financially and historically.

*We need your son and grandson
as Life Members.*

Participation

by Bob Wagstaff

If you are the new president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in the year 1995 and sitting in the office of the SUP, the mail came, and a huge check of \$2500.00 came in, what would your thoughts be? Those members in 1988 were so great!

A willingness to sit by and let others do the thinking and entertaining for us seven days a week and as many do before the television set is self-destructive. To let others do our reading, dancing, and playing is like engaging someone to make love for us. We in the SUP like to participate, get into the swim, show our willingness to participate and do our share; do things that will make us happy and "Let Go."

In each of the chapters there is not one of us who is not able to offer positive accomplishments, if tried. Most of us living, whose sons and daughters are living in better homes than ourselves, want to think of this. In our chapter some of us pass on during the year. In our final will wouldn't it be an easy thing if we handwrote, "I therefore bequeath unto the Sons of Utah Pioneers a nice sum of \$1,000.00 or ten thousand." Do you need a challenge?

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Notes On Talk By Everett H. Call, National SUP President to Leaders of DUP, Mormon Battalion, SUP, and State Historical Society

by Everett H. Call

Welcome to the leaders of these four great organizations; the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers with Eileen R. Dunyon, President, The Mormon Battalion with Col. Paul Madsen, Commander, Max J. Evans, Director of Utah Historical Society, and The National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Congratulations on your achievements. We appreciate you and thank you for what you do. This is our fourth joint meeting of this kind. We, of the S.U.P., are happy to be involved with you in socials and in the Days of '47 Parade and other activities.

Even though we are representatives of four entities, we are involved in many of the same activities, in different ways; almost partners!

In addition to our regular programs, a by-product is our helping to nullify the rampant degradation of moral values of people at this time in human history. We cannot do two things at the same time. I mean that while we worship the God of sports, of fame and power, we neglect the "weightier matters" of high ethical and spiritual conduct.

Lowell Bennion is a practical "Present-day Saint" (in overalls) who has been giving food, etc. to the poor for years. As a professor at the University of Utah, he was not too proud to drive an old battered truck to school so he could give away more substance to the poor. Now well past 80 years of age, he still goes early and often to supervise this giving away of food. Many of our S.U.P. Chapters helped gather this food.

The University of Utah just installed a Lowell Bennion Community Center with a staff and funding. All this because one person was willing to do his share of compassionate service.

There are many activities we could mention by all of these wonderful organizations and people but time does not permit further comment.

Four Historical Societies Hold Joint Meeting

On November 19, 1988, a gala dinner was held in the National building of SUP in Salt Lake City. The National SUP was host. The meeting was called to order by National SUP President Everett Call.

The four organizations participating in the meeting were the "Sons of Utah Pioneers" (SUP), the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP), the Mormon Battalion and the Utah State Division of State History, a state agency.

Pres. Call called the meeting to order, introduced guests, extended a welcome to all present, and then bid us all to enjoy the delicious food served by our caterer. After dinner each of the participating organizations presented a speaker.

The first speaker was Eileen R. Dunyon, representing the DUP. The charming lady made an interesting presentation. She mentioned that the composer, Roger Williams, had taken a common, simple, well-recognized musical theme, "chopsticks," and, building on this theme, had written a great concerto.

She said that each of the four organizations present all followed a common theme: "to know the history of the trek of the Utah Pioneers to the West." Each of the organizations present were working on this same theme, each in its own way. But when all of the work of the four is considered we make a great concerto, a beautiful bit of western history, sort of a song memorializing our ancestors.

Then, this charming diplomat from the DUP complimented each of the organizations for their accomplishments. She said of the SUP: "The Sons of Utah Pioneers have progressed well with their concerto. Markers have been placed, the Magazine carries better articles and stories than ever before, the float which was entered in the Days of '47 Parade this year was outstanding and set the stage for the entire parade which was to follow."

In like manner she complimented the Mormon Battalion and the State Division of History. She closed with a gracious gift, presenting each of the organizations with a copy of Vol. II of pioneer history entitled



Eileen Dunyon

"An Enduring Legacy."

Then Pres. Call introduced Max J. Evans, the Director of the State Dept. of History. Mr. Evans explained the work of his Division. He enumerated and named the various historical places and programs which were being sponsored by the people of Utah. He mentioned the work of preservation being carried out by agencies of the Federal Government, and by the Counties and Cities of the State.

Evans made a plea for all organizations to work together to research, locate and ascertain materials relative to State history. He mentioned the coming celebration of the State Centennial in 1996. A commission has been authorized by the legislature and appointed by the Governor to plan for this coming Centennial celebration. This commission will plan not only for the Centennial of Statehood, but also for the sesquicentennial of the founding of the first permanent settlement on July 24, 1847.

Col. Paul Madsen of the Mormon Battalion then took the podium and spoke on behalf of his organization. He explained what the Battalion was doing to preserve Utah history. He mentioned in particular the promise made by Brigham Young in Iowa in 1846. The U.S. Army then had recruiters there to recruit soldiers to go to the Southwest and fight in the war against Mexico. Brigham Young then promised the recruits that if they would join the Army forces in this effort, march with them to the West, send their pay back to assist their families and other poor people to cross the plains to Utah and if they did this, their names would be remembered and the sacrifices they would make

would always be spoken of in honorable terms.

Col. Madsen stated that one of the principle aims of the Battalion was to see that Brigham Young's promises were fulfilled; and that those brave Battalion men who made the long march in 1846-47 were remembered and honored for their willingness to make the march and to fight for their country. He praised the efforts of the organizations present to remember and honor the early Utah Pioneers.

Pres. Call of the SUP expressed the pleasure of his organization to host this meeting. He desired that this spirit of cooperation be continued; that the basic theme mentioned by Mrs. Dunyon would be advanced and the common heritage of us all would be honored and remembered.

Terry Peterson sang several solos, much to the pleasure of those present. All in all, the meeting was a great success and all departed uttering expressions of pleasure and satisfaction as to all the proceedings.

Temple Quarry Chapter

Our Thanksgiving dinner was a well-planned potluck affair, hosted by Ed and Ethel Pitts, and Fred and Jane Johnson.

Following the dinner, we enjoyed a special program presented by Gary B. Lundberg and his wife Joy Saunders Lundberg. Mr. Lundberg is a marriage and family therapist, and Joy is a writer of script and lyrics.

Mr. Lundberg, being an actor-vocalist, has played the leading role in "It's A Miracle" for nearly four years. His wife wrote the script and lyrics for this LDS musical play.

Members were also reminded of their dues, and the food for the needy project which is still ongoing.

The Christmas dinner, December 8th, was catered by "Personalized Catering" and was enjoyed by a large crowd. Host couples were Glen and Donna Greenwood, and Bud and Marianne Etherington. The program consisted of a reading by Naomi Smith. She presented a story, "The Hat," by Jessimine West. We were then treated to several Christmas carols sung by LaNell Brown Rose. She was accompanied by Diana Cottle.

Members of Temple Fork Chapter Celebrates Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Milford and Lila Hansen Jenson celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on November 28, 1988. He is a member of the Temple Fork Chapter, SUP. Milford and Lila were married in the Logan Temple on November 28, 1928.

After their marriage Milford and Lila operated a farm in College Ward, Cache Co., Utah. For thirty-three years, he has farmed and driven a school bus.

Both have been active in the LDS Church. He filled a mission to Sweden in his youth; and in later years the two of them filled another mission to Canada. He is a former Bishop, and she has held many positions in the Young Womens' organization of the Church.

He is also an active member of the Mormon Battalion.

All of SUP extend a "Happy Anniversary" greeting to this valiant couple.

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Lewis and Betty Murdock Holladay Chapter Outstanding Couple

by Leo L. Mower

Lewis B. Murdock was born in Iona, Idaho. After attending the local elementary and junior high school, he attended and graduated from the Blackfoot High School. Shortly after his graduation from high school, he joined the military where he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as Radio Technician First Class.

Upon his release from the Navy, he attended college at the Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He married Betty Rose Larson in a civil ceremony in Murray, Utah, some six years after having met her at a church dance at the Groveland Ward. They honeymooned in New York City where Lewis was stationed at the time. A year later they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the parents of two children, Janeen and Gordon.

Lewis and Betty presently live at 1913 Wagstaff Drive in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to moving here many years ago they lived in the Browning Ward of the Wells Stake. Their children have their own homes so Lewis and Betty are alone except for "Aribus," their very large and extremely alert black dog that protects their home and keeps them company.

Lewis is a professional printer and business manager. For many years he has owned and successfully operated his own printing establishment, Custom Letter Service, in the Sugar House area. During previous years he has had involvement with farming and sheep raising. In addition, he has also been in the insurance industry. His son, Gordon, is now operating the printing business.

Lewis has always been a very elegant and diversified individual. Among his several hobbies are photography, golfing, walking, bowling and hunting. He is a prominent and long-time member of the Sugar House Chamber of Commerce. Being a talented musician, he has spent many years singing in church choirs and other musical groups. He is well known for his



outstanding vocal solos.

Other church positions he has held are those of Sunday School teacher, priesthood instructor, a member of the Stake MIA presidency, Sunday School president, elders quorum president for ten years, and the stake home storage chairman for five years.

Lewis has been very active in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. At the chapter level he has been a board member of the Holladay Chapter for seven years to include the positions of president-elect, president, and past-president. He was chairman of the National Convention held in 1986 at the Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City. He has served for two years as National Executive Secretary and as a Director on the National Board.

During this same period of time he has assisted with the editing and publishing of the "Pioneer" magazine. Lewis was the assistant trekmaster on the 1988 extended bus trip to the St. Johns Encampment. Last, but definitely not least, he has brought in at least eleven individuals into the SUP. He is responsible for several tile placements and for the memorialization of fourteen names.

The old saying of "we can't have one without the other" should now be brought into perspective. It is especially applicable with regards to Lewis and Betty. They are known for their precision teamwork and togetherness. A responsibility given to either one of them usually ends up being accomplished by both of them working as a very close unit.

Betty Rose Larson was born in Blackfoot, Idaho. She attended the Moreland High School located nearby, and then attended and graduated from the Heneger Business

College in Salt Lake City. It was about this time that she and Lewis were married.

In addition to being wife, mother, and partner to Lewis in the printing business, Betty has had a career of her own. Over the years she has worked in accounting for the P.I.E. Trucking Company and for Auerbachs in downtown Salt Lake City prior to its closure. She was the treasurer and a board member of the Sugar House Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Betty is, and has always been, active in the LDS Church and has had many areas of responsibility. She has worked in Primary, the MIA, Sunday School, and has been the president of the Ward Relief Society. She was the Stake Sunday School secretary for many years.

She likes to cook and Lewis backs this up by giving her a very superior rating in cooking. Bowling, walking and going to ball games with her husband are her favorite activities.

Betty is very definitely in partnership with Lewis in his SUP activities and responsibilities. She is always there to help, to support, and to take on those tasks that a woman seems to do better than a man. This is and has been evident in those activities in the Holladay Chapter and at the national level where her husband is and has been very much involved. An example of this was when she was co-chairman of the national convention in 1986. In support of her husband she gladly accepted the responsibility of chairperson of the ladies' activities. Betty and the many other wives involved did a great job.

Lewis and Betty Murdock are a very outstanding couple. On the evening of December 9, 1988 they were honored as such by the Holladay Chapter. Working together as a team they have done much to help improve the chapter and also to help make the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers the outstanding organization that it presently is.

**HAVE YOUR ANCESTORS
BEEN MEMORIALIZED?**

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The Hole-In-The-Rock Commemoration

January 28, 1989

Originating from: Wahweap Lodge and Bullfrog Marinas

Depart: From Wahweap/Bullfrog 7:30 a.m.
Arrive: At "Hole-In-The-Rock" 10:00 a.m.
Program/Lunch at Cottonwood Canyon 10:30 a.m to 12:00 noon
Boat to Base of "Hole-In-The-Rock" 12:10 noon
Depart: From "Hole-In-The-Rock" 2:30 p.m.
Arrive: Wahweap/Bullfrog 5:00 p.m.

Travel in comfort aboard a luxurious tour boat to "The Hole-In-The-Rock" crossing. Have lunch on the beach at Cottonwood Canyon and enjoy a program put on by descendants of those hardy and courageous pioneers!

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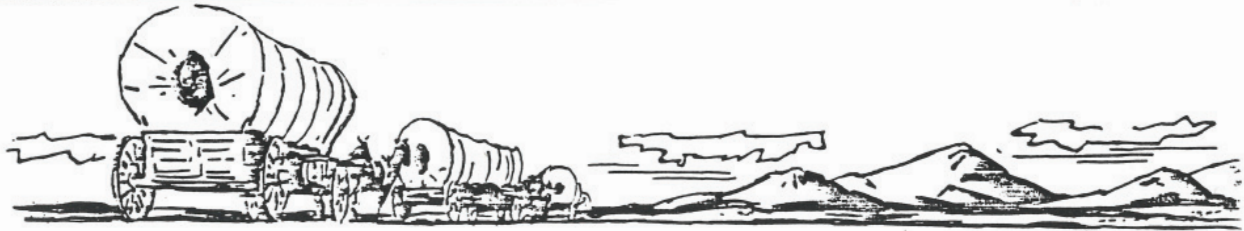
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The Hole-In-The-Rock Commemoration

On Friday evening Jan. 27, 1989, Dr. C. Gregory Crampton will present a free slide show and lecture on the Glen Canyon Lake Powell area prior to the building of Glen Canyon Dam. the lecture and slide show will start at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Room at Wahweap Lodge.

Dr. Crampton is a former professor at the University of Utah for 30 years. Dr. Crampton is a noted historian, photographer, lecturer and author of numerous books about this area including, "Land of Living Rocks", "Standing Tall Country" and "Ghost of Glen Canyon".

Norma Perkins Young of Provo, Utah is a direct descendant of Benjamin Perkins, Jens Nielson, Plat Lyman and Hans Bayles, all members of the original San Juan Mission trek, who established the "Hole-In-The-Rock". On Sat. Jan 28, 1989 at Cottonwood Canyon, the Young family will put on a program of song and dance associated with the pioneer days.

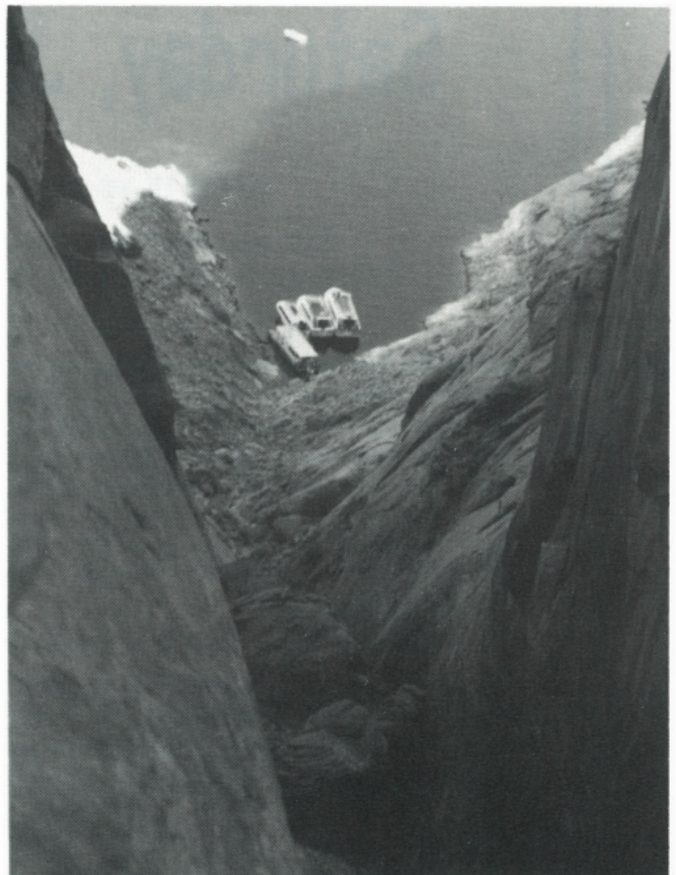
Lamont Crabtree a historian, author, photographer and lecturer will put on a slide show and lecture in the Anasazi Restaurant at Bullfrog Marina on Friday evening Jan 27, 1989. There will be no charge.

Dr. Crampton will accompany the passengers from Wahweap and Lamont Crabtree will accompany the passengers from Bullfrog on the "Hole-In-The-Rock Commemoration". This is a great opportunity to visit old friends and relatives.

For more information call (602)645-2433, Ext. 6359 and ask for Harold or Lea.

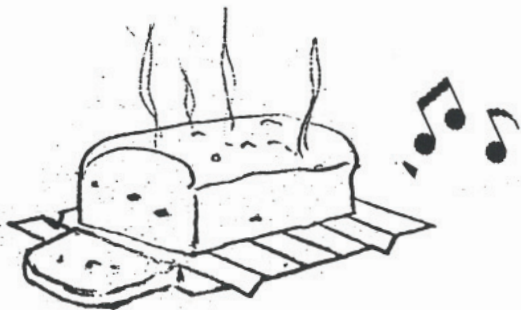


Hole-In-The-Rock — Looking up.



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REASON: Two years ago tax officials, saying SUP was competing with local wedding reception centers and receiving rent money from other events, took away our tax exempt status. (It was recently restored). Meanwhile, without the funds from these activities to benefit our building upkeep and programs, plus the high cost of litigation concerning ownership of the Heber Creeper, our daily operating funds were sadly depleted. We need a few fund-raising activities to make us solvent again.



The official FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE says, "Look forward to other fund-raising events in 1989!" Things are being planned to let us join together to enjoy, learn and participate in a comradery of events for the benefit of our Trail Landmarks, Memorialization and Historical Library programs. These will be fun-raising as well as fund-raising events AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Decorating Heritage Hall

"Let's see," she says to herself as she thoughtfully taps her pencil eraser against the side of her cheek. Her eyes slowly rove the ceiling. Then she begins to write, and slowly at first but progressively faster, her pencil smoothly drains from her mind a description of how she will transform Heritage Hall for the next month's dinner meeting. Then she picks up the telephone and calls some of her friends to include them in the planning. Each one has an input and before long the whole thing is settled and each one knows exactly what to do when Monday rolls around. Each one goes to the storage shelves and brings out items that they have stored away just for this occasion. Husbands are conscripted too and are sent out to the garage to build tree stands or whatever is necessary to support the design. Sometimes they are sent into the canyons to collect autumn leaves, or plants, or into the fields to bring in corn stalks, or whatever is necessary to bring the whole plan into fruition.

What you have just read is just a little of what goes on each month in preparation for the monthly dinner meeting of the Twin Peaks Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The first Monday of each month Lois Allred and her hand-picked committee converge upon Heritage Hall and transforms it into a place of excitement and fun. A place for chapter members to come and enjoy each other and to forget the outside world, for a time at least, while they eat dinner and listen to performers and speakers who have been brought in for entertainment and enlightenment.

No one knows how long Lois Allred, Kay Garff, Helen Quist, Mary Stevens, June Beynon and others have been doing this sort of thing, but ever since the Twin Peaks Chapter was organized in 1984, they have been on hand to make each month's meeting a memorable occasion. They have made the Twin Peaks Chapter meetings a topic of conversation throughout the national organization. Executive officers working in the building stop by to enjoy the atmosphere. They make a point of bringing visitors



Mary Stevens, Helen Quist, Kay Garff and Lois Allred.



Helen Quist, Kay Garff and Lois Allred.

and professional people into the hall to watch the process. As a matter of fact, Lois and her friends were honored at a recent meeting of the Chapter as they received a certificate of achievement and a hug and kiss from the chapter president.

One month chapter members were greeted by a beautiful snow lady as she enticed them out into the snow storm. Another time they were taken to the toboggan slopes to slide and roll in the snow. Then they were taken out onto the plains for a night with the pioneers, complete with sleeping bags and campfire.

All kinds of patriotic themes greet the members during appropriate

months. In June they were invited to a beautiful old-fashioned wedding party. Next they went spelunking in a cave. Last month a beautiful Christmas tree was waiting for them surrounded by presents and cuddly animals and a grandmother's old trunk filled to overflowing with good things to delight a child's Christmas. The ideas that they come up with never end, even though, some of the items are used again and again. The theme is always different and delightful. They are very much appreciated, these transforming angels who inhabit Heritage Hall and make it a thing of wonder every month.

Pioneers, Oh Pioneers, Where Are You?

by Rex L. Campbell, Prof. Emeritus
University of Utah

When the name "pioneer" is uttered in the western part of the United States especially where the Mormons finally settled, the image of a wagon or prairie schooner accommodating the human beings who labored to free themselves from religious persecution comes to sharp focus in the mind and affects the heart. And this has had a profound effect on the writers of history and the descendants of those who pioneered to find the right place and establish the Zion of their God. But the word pioneer should be applied to other aspects of life and living. The dictionary definition of pioneer is substantial: "A person or group that helps to originate or open up a new line of thought or activity or a new method of technical development." And this can be verified by understanding that the human mind can never be satisfied, never at rest, always on the stretch for something new. When we think of the many innovations that have been made, the many adventures into new territory, mental or physical, that have caused great minds to expand the vision of the human race, we should, and will always be grateful for those pioneers who have had the courage, vigor and talent to stretch ahead and establish new perspectives.

Will the much needed and new pioneers please come forth and face the tremendous challenge of this century, this hundred years of superb technological development and breathtaking advances into the infinite space that even the rational mind cannot easily comprehend? We need, desperately need, the pioneer power of those who are aware of our moral deterioration in spite of our technical skills. We are painfully aware of the increase in immoral behavior and the gross amount of activity that has corroded the halls of our institutions. Feelings have withered; they are alive but they are not cultivated and are relatively crude; they take the form of passions, such as the passion to win, to prove superior to others, to destroy; the palpable excitement has

to do with sex, speed and noise. And it is leading us to an indulgence that will eventuate in an utterly selfish satisfaction and a sad diminuendo of ethical behavior that at one time in our history inspired great men to pioneer the societal fields for moral improvement. We have evidence of moral degeneration in our day when we pay attention to the many radio and television programs that are designed to excite the most gross passions and emotions; we are flooded by literary offerings that contribute to the gutter environment. We do not need to cite specific instances of the above implications; they are obvious day by day, and the trend is not a strong social matrix that will proliferate superior and superb leaders of moral strength and character. At this point the critic of our implied denunciation will defend his senatorial position by declaring that the commercial advocates of the kind of programs mentioned above are motivated by the wants and desires of the general public audience, and that "high level" productions may attract the intellectually and morally elite, but not the nasty mass of low level homo sapiens who very seldom justify their species' name (man who think). Sex, speed and noise are the main themes of the mass audiences of today, and while some further justification of this position should be made clear, time and space will not allow it in this article. We do not need much proof for our critical assertions; the perversions are everywhere. What more do we need than the rock music that contains lyrics that are not just suggestive but palpably seductive? What more do we need on the TV screen than the intimate relationship between a male and female that is not covert but overt? The monetary compensation for this unmitigated junk provides a justification; after all, what is more important in our civilization than materialistic gain and power? The most insulting programs are provided to make the monetary field prolific. The superb technology that deserves praise, is used to provide the most nefarious entertainment ever concocted. And we desperately need pioneers who have the proper concept of cultural endeavor and who are courageous enough to carry

forth with courage and conviction the changes so desperately needed. Consider the evidence of cultural deterioration: The corruption of our young people by the music and visual things they see; the increase in immorality, i.e., the large number of couples living together but not morally married; the depressing number of illegitimate births, abortions, birth prevention, and overt sexual acts everywhere, all for the gross and enervating indulgence. Changes can be made, but the instigation and the continuance and the ultimate achievement can be done only by pioneers in the true sense. The future of our cultural possibilities, culture on a high and satisfying level, is attractive to the few remaining intelligent and gifted creators of high moral values and the instruments needed to bring about a moral revolution. The challenge is there; the pioneers are needed to realize a fulfillment.

And now we must take into consideration another aspect of deterioration of our human culture: social Darwinism. This phrase may not be properly understood by some readers, hence a brief explanation. Darwinism is, of course, a name that is a part of our educational acquisition. Darwin propagated the theory of evolution, a highly controversial subject. But he did not apply his concept of "natural selection" to the social level; this was done by the English professor and friend of Darwin, Herbert Spencer. He referred to the Darwinian exposition of struggle society of the time. The following is a quote from a widely used textbook in the education field (*A Brief History Of The Western World* by Thomas Greer, Harcourt, Brace Javonovich, publishers): "The poverty of the incapable, the distresses that come upon the imprudent, the starvation of the idle, and those shoulderings aside of the weak by the strong, which leaves so many in shallows and miseries are the decree of a large far-seeing benevolence."

That from Herbert Spencer, friend of Charles Darwin, who applied his concept of struggle for existence and survival of the fittest to the competitive world in which we live. Another quote from the above mentioned text: "The American

billionaire, John D. Rockefeller, once used an attractive metaphor to explain how natural selection worked to the advantage of all. The man who built Standard Oil into a giant monopoly by beating out his competitors compared his work with the breeding of a lovely flower. 'The American Beauty rose, with its splendor and fragrance, could not have been produced,' Rockefeller told a Sunday school audience, 'except by sacrificing the buds that grew up around it. In the same way, the development of a large business is merely survival of the fittest . . . merely the working out of a law of nature and a law of God.'

Rockefeller and other titans of industry were unashamed promoters of what later called social Darwinism. Essentially, it approved a no-holds-barred struggle of 'all against all' in the manner of the jungle. And the idea readily passed from one of the battle among individuals to one of battle among races and nations. Darwin's theory strengthened the convictions of slaveowners, racists, militarists, and extreme nationalists. Many individuals, including some respected philosophers, glorified war as a 'pruning hook for improving the health of humanity.' 'Making war is not only a biological law,' declared a famous general, 'but a moral obligation, and, as such, an indispensable factor in civilization.' "

As mentioned before, the above quote comes from the aforementioned text used by many Institutions of Higher Learning. And to put a capping on our subject cake (competition) the following is a quote from a letter submitted by Rex Campbell to several newspapers in this area. It was not printed for whatever reason, and perhaps it is best that it wasn't.

Will the much needed pioneers please come forth and lead the way? We must move from unrelenting competition and its "social Darwinistic" practice and devise new educational ways of stressing cooperation, assuming that all members of the human race can be properly placed in a United Order and the concept of "struggle of all against all and survival of the fittest" be cast aside and a strong, healthy social unit brought into ex-

Statement Regarding Heritage Book

It appears that the Heritage Publishers Services, Inc., the company which contracted to publish a book of individual histories for members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, who collected considerable funds from many of our people, has definitely and finally defaulted on its contract.

For a period of several months individuals from the company talked of delays but indicated intent ultimately to perform. In recent months we have been unable to contact any of the principals and they have failed and refused to respond to written demand from legal counsel. We are advised that further attempts to enforce your legal rights would be quite expensive since Texas counsel would be necessary and success, even so, very doubtful.

We regret this circumstance and wish we could proceed otherwise, but must regretfully now inform you that it does not appear justifiable to do otherwise than close the book on this enterprise entered into so hopefully.

istence. No one, regardless of his strong individuality, can be healthy in a sick society, and the sick society is brought into existence when Social Darwinism is perpetuated. All members of a cooperative society, motivated by the high ideals of love and devotion, will, by virtue of that part of the social body they best fit and are suited to serve, realize the cultural health of a positive societal body, wherein the eye cannot and will never say to the "low-level" foot or similar parts, "Be gone, I have no need of thee."

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SUP ENCAMPMENT

The National Encampment of the Sons of Utah Pioneers will be held in Hurricane on September 21, 22, 23, 1989. It is expected that over 400 will be in attendance. Plans are now being formulated and Dell Stout will chair the committee. The Encampment headquarters will be the Hurricane Stake Center and parking lot. Plans include 8 meals which include a dutch oven dinner, two sack lunches, a dutch oven breakfast and four catered meals provided by the stake activities committee. Buses are being arranged to provide transportation to and from local meeting locations and points of interest, and sleeping arrangements are being worked out.

A possible agenda includes registration and local self-guided tour of Hurricane during Thursday afternoon with a pioneer play of the story of the Hurricane Canal and dutch oven dinner in the evening. Friday will include a dutch oven breakfast, and then load the buses for a Silver Reef tour and lecture by Alfred Stucki. Then we will go to Mountain Meadows for a tour and lecture by Bart Anderson on the Mountain Meadows Massacre. The buses will then drive past historical sights such as the Jacob Hamblin Home in Santa Clara, the Brigham Young Home, the Tabernacle, a skyline tour overlooking the beautiful and historical St. George Temple and possibly the Rock Quarry sites for the temple and tabernacle. Each bus will include a local chapter member to tell stories and histories. Friday afternoon will leave some free time after we arrive back in Hurricane for a local tour of the Pioneer Park, Canal Monument, etc. before the evening banquet and local talent and entertainment show. Saturday will include breakfast, national officers meeting, awards banquet, ladies' fashion show, and possibly a rodeo. The evening banquet and meetings will end the day and the convention.

The Hurricane Valley Chamber of Commerce is preparing an 8-part color brochure of Hurricane and surrounding areas, and there will be a 6-part brochure of important facts

and cities inside Hurricane that will be mailed out to every person who registers. The packet will include brochures on the national and state parks in the area so that the members can plan on staying in the area for other events. Please give us your suggestions as all plans are simply in the planning stage and could change. You'll be in for a grand time in the "Heart of Utah's Dixie."

president from Verdell Hinton who has served for the past three years. Dell Stout was chosen as president-elect. The three vice presidents are LeWayne Wood, Gordon Stirland and Gordon Wood. Keith Campbell, Pete Hastings, Delbert Covington and Lynn Sanders will serve as directors; Lawrence Hinton as treasurer, Frank Stapley as secretary and Weldon Heaton as chaplain.

President Morris Bennion con-



National Officers Attend Hurricane's Monument Dedication

Hurricane Valley Chapter members were honored this past month by having five national officers and their wives spend the day during the Pioneer Heritage Park Celebration. Prior to the day's events, the chapter held its meeting to elect officers for 1989. Robert Langston will take over the office of

gratulated the chapter on its successful and dedicated members. He encouraged the chapter to continue working toward worthy goals and to make the coming year the best year yet.

The officers and members of Hurricane Valley Chapter truly appreciate having these national officers in their midst.

Their thanks go to Morris Bennion, Glen Greenwood, Wayne Mallet, Bob Wagstaff and Bud Etherton.

SEPT. 21, 22, 23, 1989

Hurricane Valley Chapter Meets To Dedicate Monument

On a sunny but brisk Saturday afternoon, the members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and many community residents met to commemorate the building of the beautiful Pioneer Heritage Park and for the dedication of the impressive Pioneer Monument which is the center and focal point of the Park.

This project was started just over a year ago when Chapter President Verdell Hinton and President-elect Robert Langston negotiated with the Church for the historic piece of land where this "showplace," of Hurricane now stands. This square was dedicated, prior to the first settlers moving to this desert valley, for a town square. It was the gathering place for all public events. A bowery was built in 1906. In 1908 a combination social hall, church and school was built. In 1937 a beautiful white church and stake center was erected. When this was torn down in 1985 the land was just an unsightly deserted weed patch in the middle of town. About this same time the city office and library buildings which sets close by were abandoned for better facilities. This beautiful hand-hewn sandstone building which was built by the W.P.A. and community effort was slated to either be torn down or sold. According to Hinton, it was decided that the S.U.P. along with other community members get involved in saving the grand old building for a Pioneer & Indian Museum along with the adjoining land for an outdoor Pioneer Park Museum. With the S.U.P. leading the way, this beautiful park and monument now stands as a tribute to the noble pioneers who settled Hurricane Valley and to those modern pioneers who dreamed a dream and worked to see it fulfilled in all its splendor.

Pioneers, whether in olden times or modern, are people who do the impossible, and those who view what has taken place in the center of Hurricane this past year would have

to agree.

Our grandparents who built the 11 mile canal over a span of 13 years to bring the life-giving water to this valley and transform it from a desert to a Garden of Eden would be proud of what their posterity has done.

Over a hundred tons of rock was hand-quarried from a local site. This was shaped and laid up by local rock masons with Horace Cornelius, a chapter member, as the master craftsman. Over 6,500 hours were donated in labor by over 450 different individuals, and financial donations came from over 1300 different people, residents and former residents from all over the U.S.A.

The Pioneer Monument with its four large plaques cost approximately \$17,500.00 plus countless hours of donated labor. One plaque contains the names of 147 pioneer couples who settled in Hurricane during its first 12 years of pioneer living. Another plaque gives a brief history of Hurricane and what brought those pioneers there. The third plaque pays tribute to the canal builders and shows three unique views of the canal. The fourth plaque shows the original buildings on the town square and gives a brief history of them.

A huge crowd gathered to enjoy an outstanding program and entertainment. A delicious dutch oven dinner prepared by our master chef, Lynn Sanders, was enjoyed by all. President Verdell Hinton paid tribute to all those who played an important part in the park's creation including the dedicated and hardworking quarry workers.

Grant Langston, a chapter member and stake Patriarch, gave the beautiful dedicatory prayer that climaxed the afternoon's events.

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Sugar House Chapter Hears Dr. Cleon W. Skousen

The Sugar House Chapter held an outstanding meeting on November 9, 1988. Entertainment was provided by soloist, Kathryn Tanner, Miss Utah Valley. She is a graduate of Murray High School and is presently attending the University of Utah on a scholarship. She will be an entrant in the Miss Salt Lake Valley and the Miss Utah Pageant next year. She is well known for her beauty and her splendid voice.

After dinner and Miss Tanner's presentation, the group listened to noted scholar and lecturer, Dr. Cleon Skousen.

He lived most of his life in the United States, including two years in Mexico and two years in England. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from the George Washington University Law School and was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and before the United States Supreme Court. He served 16 years with the FBI and four years as Chief of Police in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He instructed one thousand students per week as a full-time professor at Brigham Young University and retired in 1978 after ten years of service. He has authored and published 29 books of which some are in seven different languages and have been used as college texts.

For seventeen years he served as Editorial Director of Law and Order.

He related how he assisted in writing a Constitution for Canada and Japan. He talked about the Jews and the Arabs (under Turkish rule) going back to the old territory of Israel. He visited that area in 1938 and later wrote a book about the history of the fighting between the Jews and the Arabs. The United Nations recognized the area as Jewish territory in 1948 and that when the Jews subsequently declared themselves as a nation, four Arab nations attacked them (1,200,000), and that the Jews were not supposed to win the war, but that the Arabs left Israel. He authored a book on this called "The Six Day War-Fantastic Victory."

Dr. Skousen talked about the approaching free enterprise in China and that he felt that it was headed that way in Russia.

Talking on the subject of the Armageddon and some of the marvelous things that are now happening upon this earth, he speculates that we have a number of years before the Armageddon, but that a lot more things must happen before this takes place.

Beautiful Nauvoo. How Were You Built?

How could a city be built without money?

Elbert Porter, sculptor, potter, and artist, displayed his detailed and exquisite pictures of buildings in Nauvoo; also a slide presentation of sights and sounds around Nauvoo to the West Jordan Temple Chapter.

Elbert and his wife Francis were on a mission to Nauvoo. He made pottery, and she made hand-dipped candles. The boy Joseph at Temple Square Visitors' Center and the Angel Moroni for the New York World Fair (has been at 4 World Fairs and now stored awaiting another), are some of his accomplishments.

Outstanding photography portrayed the mighty ice jams on the Mississippi. The frozen river showed us how it must have been on that February day when the saints crossed on the ice.

Elbert gave us an account of a quote from T. Edgar Lyon, church historian and person instrumental in much of the restoration of Nauvoo. Here is the story he gave to a group in Nauvoo, probably while riding along in an ox-drawn wagon: "How did the people build this town? I had a Jewish Banker with me one Sunday in Chicago, and he said, 'How many banks were in the town?' I said, 'We didn't have any.' He said, 'Impossible.' I said, 'No.' 'Well how many mortgage institutions?' I said, 'None.' He said, 'You could not build a town of eleven thousand people without two or three banks or some place to mortgage.' I said, 'This town was built on confidence not mortgage, on trust in each other. They viewed themselves as the children of God. They did not need to go to the bank, no one had

any credit in the first place, and there wasn't any bank because nobody had enough money to establish a bank.' He said, 'How could you build it?' I said, 'This is what they did. Let's say that Joseph Smith had a man come to him and his name is Bro. Brown. Joseph, I want to build a house and I have no money. Could you stake me the credit of \$500.00 to pay employees I'll get to build a house. The Prophet said sure. So he had his book-keeper write down in his book an entry Bro. Brown credit \$500.00. Bro. Brown goes out and gets his stone masons and his brick masons and others. They work and on Saturday he writes on little slips of paper (and we have quite a few of these that have been given to us) little things about 3 inches long and an inch and a quarter wide or so. Paper was pretty expensive in those days. Puts a date on one like June 7th, 1843 paid to the order of William Wordsworth (he's a brick mason that worked on the Kimball and Woodruff homes that we know of) \$6.00 and charge to the account of John Brown. William Wordsworth brings it down to the store. The clerk here will take that and give \$6.00 worth of stuff that his wife wants, that he needs, shoes or tools or food or clothing, anything they have in stock, and sometimes they don't have in stock what he needs so they issue him a second one to go to another store to get it and that then is charged to his account. So you find this man getting \$4.00 worth out of Joseph Smith's store and \$2.00 being transferred to another store which he will have to credit out with this man. As a banker you would probably lose your mind in this kind of credit, but this is the way they were building the town. When they get through, the man has his house built and the town or Joseph Smith is owed \$500.00. Now the fall of the year comes and the man harvests a grain crop first in July or August. He hauls down here, say 200 bushels of wheat, and wheat is worth 30 cents a bushel. So he gets credit on the books for the amount of 200 bushels of wheat. He hauls 500 bushels of corn worth 20 cents a bushel so he gets credit for that. He drives down some fat pigs and they weigh them and the pigs



are worth 1½ cents on the hoof. Out in back they have a slaughter house, they kill the pigs, smoke the ham and bacon. They use the side fat for salt pork and sell the rest fresh, and that can all go downstream where there is a steady market for such things in St. Louis. He will drive in his cattle and weigh them up 2 cents a pound and he is credited, and in a couple of years he

pays off his house. Now the storekeeper is making a profit on it. His men got work and they were paid, and he has a house, and we find dozens and dozens of these people. Brigham Young had a store, so did David Yearsley. All of them extending credit to people of this type. Edward Hunter is doing the same thing. I've never found a case yet where anyone refused to pay or

anybody had to sue for it. There seemed to be a high degree of integrity and honesty among them, and a close feeling of brotherhood."

"We have a record of an Englishman who arrived here in 1842 with his wife and I think two children as I remember. He said that everything they had except the clothing they were wearing was contained in two sea chests. (Wooden boxes, we've located a good many.) Four years later when he is getting ready to leave he makes this entry in his diary: 'I sold my property. When I arrived here four years ago 2 sea chests were all I had. Today I have an acre of ground, on it a two-story brick house which my wife had furnished comfortably. I have a carriage and a team of horses and a milk cow. All paid for, and in four years I have not had \$5.00 cash in my hand.'"

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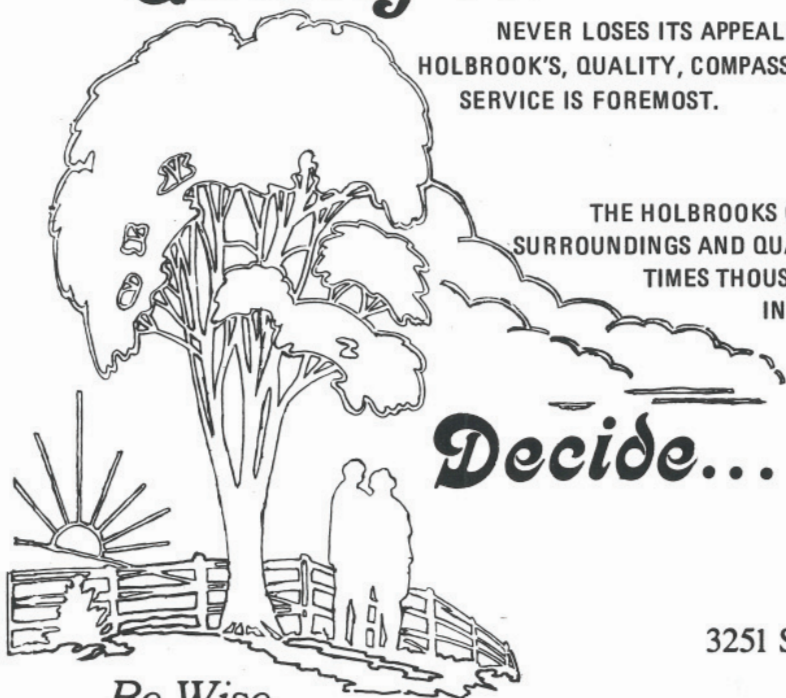
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READ ON!!! A little over two years ago tax officials, saying SUP was competing with local wedding reception centers and receiving taxable rent money from other events, took away our SUP Tax Exempt status. (It has recently been restored.)

MEANWHILE, without funds from these activities to benefit our programs, Library, and building upkeep, plus, and this is a big plus, the high cost of litigation concerning ownership of the Heber Creeper, our daily operating expenses have been depleted and some debt has been incurred. The threat of a huge tax bill has been eliminated however.

Morris Bennion, who will assume the presidency of SUP on January 1, 1989, has formed a **FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE** to deal with our immediate need of funds. This committee met on December 6, at which time President Bennion said, "It is time to stop wringing our hands and do something! The Executive Board has asked us not to use money from the Life Membership Fund for daily expenses so we have no choice but to have fund-raising activities to get us out of this bind."

Hollis Smith, outgoing president of the Holladay Chapter, asked, "How much money is needed and after that amount is raised will there be a self-supporting procedure in place for daily operation?" The answer was that our immediate need was for nearly \$9,000. Our newly appointed Judge Advocate, attorney Stan Fitts, read from the Utah Code, the laws governing non-profit organizations, and stated that if we comply with regulations, our building could be used as a benefit for our programs and should be self-sustaining. He will follow through in formulating a procedure of compliance with the Code.

HEBER CREEPER SETTLEMENT EXPLAINED. President Bennion further explained that litigation expenses to establish ownership of the Heber Creeper had exceeded \$18,000 and would continue to rise with further court proceedings so the option was taken to settle out of court. This settlement

was for \$100,000, payable to SUP over a period of sixteen years at \$5,882 a year.

"If there had not been these court and attorney expenses, we could have financially weathered the tax exempt period. This appears to be a one time need that we must confront," stated President Bennion.

Dan Allred remarked that this was the time for all members to unite and raise the funds to rescue our budget. It was determined that a series of fund-raisers would be activated and a plea would be made for all chapters to join together or act separately to raise funds within the next two months.

Presidents of Twin Peaks, Holladay and East Mill Creek Mills Chapters immediately set January 28 as a date for a Breakfast/Brunch to be served at the SUP building. The cost will be \$6.00 a plate for a luscious meal; the time will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Everyone can come but members of those chapters will be invited to support the fund-raiser. Other chapters can set their own time and type of benefit.

For February the suggestion was made to have a painless, easy, fund-raiser in which all the chapters could participate - **A VALENTINE DOLLAR DAY!** So, please, every member, be a Valentine and send in your dollar. As many members of your family as you wish can participate.

President Bennion ended the meeting with this admonition, "Doing a job well yourself is one thing and directing others to do it is another. Do we have the confidence to inherit and support the potential strength of the Sons of Utah Pioneers' organization in 1989?"



E.M.C. "Mills Chapter" Finished Off 1988

E.M.C. "Mills Chapter" finished off 1988 with an elegant dinner party on December 12th. Retiring President Russell Harris arranged a choice dinner by Personalized Catering. His program was outstanding with Ruth Hale from the "Hale Theater" giving us a special Christmas Reading. The Olympus Mixed Chorus finished off the evening with their selection of Christmas songs.

We had our elections in November and Frank D. Bailey is our president-elect for 1989. Our new board members will be Gordon Christensen, Duane L. Peterson and Woodrow W. Caldwell.

Our new president for 1989, Wallace L. Rosander, is already on the ball, and is making plans for the new year.

Box Elder Chapter Dedicates Tabernacle Plaque

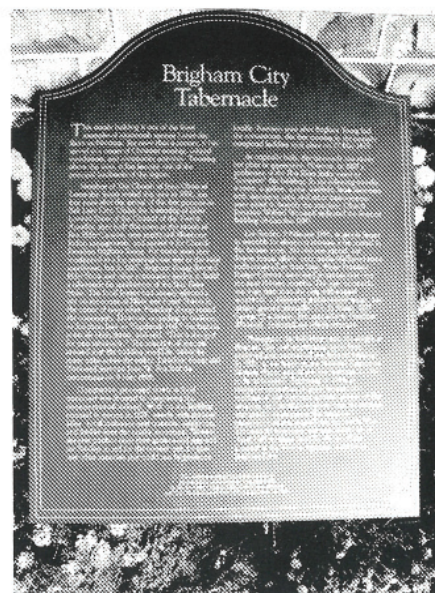
A plaque giving a brief history of the historic Brigham City Tabernacle was dedicated by the Box Elder Chapter of SUP on October 26, 1988. The plaque was placed at the southwest corner of the building.

LeRoy Ward, Chapter President, conducted the services which proceeded as follows: invocation by Carlyle Jensen, hymn by congregation - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," dedication of plaque by former Chapter President C. Morgan Hawkes, message on the plaque read by Ray Don Reese, chapter historian, and remarks by SUP President Everett Call.

"Welcome to Sagebrush Hill" was the message extended to the more than 200 people who attended the dedication. The plaque was dedicated concurrently with the LDS Church sign installed which directed visitors to see the Tabernacle.

The groundskeeper of the Tabernacle had the premises in top shape with colorful flowers and shrubs. The groundskeeper is a recent new member of SUP, and now serves as a director of the chapter.

Box Elder Chapter is justly proud of this accomplishment. We congratulate them on this achievement.



SUP Pioneer Library

by Francis M. Partridge, Librarian

Recent Library acquisitions have included "Priddy Meeks Journal" which includes pioneer remedies for many physical afflictions. Many herbs and other medications are described. Donations were received from Eldon P. Morrell, John L. Trayner, The Sugar House Chapter of the SUP, and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Do you have any "Heart Throbs Of The West" that you could donate to the Library? We are in need of Volumes 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11. Would you look through your bookcases?

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As we work together in our projects and other activities, our chapters will grow and be strong.

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Name Memorialization By Chapter

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At The Prophet's Birthplace, The Story of the Memorial

by Darel P. Bartschi

One beautiful autumn day in 1894 three travelers from Utah knocked on the cottage door of Harvey Smith, in Windsor County, Vermont. They inquired of Smith, the location of the birthplace of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Smith gladly volunteered his services in guiding these travelers to the site.

The searchers were Elder Junius F. Wells, Spencer Clawson and Clawson's daughter, Clara. The next morning Harvey hitched his bay team to the rig, and drove his guests through the lanes of the New England countryside to a slight hill.

"It's about fifty yards up there," said Harvey pointing up the hill.

Elder Wells was excited. He envisioned the erection of a suitable monument to mark the birthplace of the Mormon Prophet--and to have it ready for dedication on the Prophet's 100th birthday, Dec. 23, 1905. There was much work to be done before this dream could come true.

First, there had to be an extensive investigation to make sure this was the correct location. Wells wired the General Authorities in Salt Lake City to obtain permission to proceed. Then he located the true owner of the property, one Mr. Robinson. Local old timers, "Uncle" Ben C. Latham, and a Mrs. Griffiths, assured Wells that he had found the right spot. Wells reported his progress to Salt Lake City, and everyone became excited about completing the proposed project.

The Church gave Elder Wells carte blanche permission "to do it."

Then Wells began an exhaustive search for the best granite quarry in the vicinity. Remember, Vermont was the granite capitol of the world with some of the finest marble found anywhere. The quarry owners, Messrs. Boutwell, Milne and Varnum agreed to furnish the granite.

A full week of frenzied effort--considering one stone after another, measuring selected pieces, testing for grain, strength and beauty--was required to find the right stone, all

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one piece. The column measured forty-six feet long and would cut to a four foot base. The texture and veining was perfect. Elder Wells recorded "that was a happy day."

The selected stone was moved by rail to Mayor Barclay's plant in Barre, Vt. where massive cutting and polishing equipment quickly completed the rough carving. By this time years had passed. The important 100th birthday, Dec. 23, 1905, was rapidly approaching.

The supreme test of Elder Wells was yet to come--his faith, his will, his energies and determination. The anniversary date was drawing close, winter was coming on which would complicate and slow the work. The huge stones must yet be moved to the erection site. Seemingly, Junius never slept. The six miles from the railhead to the site came near being the defeat of Elder Wells. The eight ton wagon with twenty-inch wheel treads inched along with its ponderous cargo; drawn by a twenty-two horse team and several wheel-oxen moved painfully slow along the soft dirt road. A bridge over the White River must be structurally reinforced to carry the load. Innumerable and unforeseen obstacles were encountered. One Saturday afternoon, the monstrous load bogged down--the lathered horses, the groaning oxen and the shouting drivers gave up--the load would not budge. For the first time Junius tasted discouragement--that night in his room, tired and dejected, he considered defeat. He penned a telegram to the First Presidency of the Church, "... asking permission to put the monument on the railroad and have it sent to Salt Lake City and put up there in the Temple Block and put something else not so heavy here ..."

The telegram would stay on his desk, unsent--Junius would not concede. Monday morning, with spirits and courage mended, with renewed energies and revised methods, the men and the animals moved the load nineteen hundred and sixty feet. The ponderous wagon with its forty ton load was inched along the soft and spongy roadway. The native Vermonters shook their heads and smiled in bewildered amazement at the herculean efforts of the men and animals; all being cheered, coaxed

and cajoled by the Mormon, Elder Wells. Snow fell and the roadway became soft, slippery and muddy. "Mormon luck," declared by the Vermonters; "Mormon providence," interpreted by Elder Wells, dropped the thermometer to a sub-zero freeze which permitted the huge wagon to roll on its twenty-inch treads over three-inch thick hardwood planks the full six miles from the railhead at Royalton to the site. The final two miles rising 800 feet from the White River.

Junius took his place with the drivers. In charge of a four-horse span of chestnut geldings, he cheered, urged and shouted encouragement. Junius records the actions of the "near" gelding, "... he did not simply get down to an ordinary pull at the last; he seemed to be inspired. That horse went at it with his nostrils wide distended and his eyes bulging from his head and he simply plowed his way as though he had to lift that load up the hill, and he did it ...". Elder Wells' inspiration and enthusiasm was apparently contagious. The men and animals were on that six mile stretch for thirteen long, tedious days.

Once at the site the prodigious and painstaking task of erection came next. Mr. Howland began his carefully planned erection of the derrick and the rigging. The crossbars, the blocks, the guys and the anchors were ready and in place; it was December 5th. The anniversary date of December 23rd was disturbingly close. Junius mustered a final surge of energy. On Friday, December 8th, the majestic shaft was eased into place--not a mar nor a blemish on its gleaming surface. Elder Junius F. Wells looked up, smiled and relaxed, ever so slightly, the first time in many long months. He was ready for the dedication.

The historic dedicatory ceremony took place as scheduled on December 23, 1905 of the Prophet Joseph Smith. LDS Church President Joseph F. Smith presided over the services. The President's party of thirty Church members and officials had traveled from Salt Lake City aboard the luxurious private rail coach "Sofala." Aboard the "Sofala" the Party visited many historical sites of the early Church--calling many meetings, conferences

and interviews in a 5,500 mile tour of the nation.

The meticulously polished shaft rises majestically into the blue Vermont sky. The New England door that Harvey Smith swung open wide on that day in 1894 is still a wide welcome to all visitors. The Old Smith Farm is a haven of quiet, cool, green and peaceful; a historic and hallowed place to muse, meditate and find yourself; to seek solace, solitude and revive your faith.

Elder Wells' vision and utterance of determination on that brilliant autumn day has come to pass, "... we ought to mark this place with a monument of the faith of our people in Joseph Smith The Prophet ..."

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Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter News

by Larry A. Eggett

The summer and fall seasons have provided some fun, interesting, and informative activities for members of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter.

July 24th was a big day for our chapter. Early in the morning, our chapter sponsored the annual Days of '47 Sunrise Service in the Tabernacle on Temple Square. Elder Glen L. Rudd of the First Quorum of the Seventy was the speaker, and the Millcreek Region L.D.S. Choir provided the music for this service. During the afternoon, we held a family picnic at Salt Lake City's Jordan Park. Not only did we enjoy a nice lunch with our families, but we were also able to enjoy walking through the International Peace Gardens.

We were joined by our sons, sons-in-law, and grandsons on September 14th for our annual father/son luncheon in the Lion House. Our speaker on that occasion was Glen Leonard, who is the director of the Museum of Church History and

Art. He spoke of the Nauvoo period of Church history, and related several inspirational stories from that era. At our September meeting, chapter members approved some changes in our chapter organization for the remainder of 1988. Ralph Ryan, who had been serving as president-elect, and his wife accepted a call to serve a mission for the Church. Ken Bement, who had been serving as treasurer, was chosen as president-elect, and Stan Fitts was elected treasurer.

At our meeting in the Lion House on October 12th, we were pleased to have many of our past presidents join us for lunch. Utah State Attorney General David Wilkinson was our guest speaker. He spoke on the office of the Attorney General, both from an historical standpoint, as well as contemporary. He also discussed differences between the office in Utah, as outlined by the state constitution and subsequent laws, and the office in other states and in the federal government.

We held our annual election banquet on November 9th at the National SUP Headquarters building.

T. H. Bell, a former U.S. Secretary of Education, was our speaker for the evening. He told of some of the issues and challenges facing education throughout the nation. In addition, he related some very interesting stories regarding life in Washington, D.C., and he gave us a look at the family of President-elect George Bush. Our annual election of chapter officers was held at this meeting. Officers for 1989 will be Ken Bement as president, Bob Gunderson and Larry Eggett as vice presidents, Frank Taylor as secretary, and Stan Fitts as treasurer. Ralph Ryan and his wife will complete their mission near the end of the year, and he will then become president of the chapter in 1990.

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History of the Brigham City Tabernacle

This stately building is one of the finest examples of nineteenth century Latter-day Saint architecture. For more than a century, it has served as a center of Christian worship, cultural enrichment, and community activities. Towering above the trees, it has become one of the principal landmarks of the region.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints settled this area in 1851, just four years after the arrival of the first pioneers in Salt Lake City. Under the leadership of Elder Lorenzo Snow of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, they built this town at the mouth of Box Elder Canyon, near traditional Shoshone Indian campgrounds, and named it for Church President Brigham Young. For many years they worshipped in a log meetinghouse and in the local courthouse, but in 1865, Brigham Young directed Elder Snow and other community leaders to build a tabernacle for conferences of the Box Elder Stake. The local leaders had already selected a site on the corner of Main and Forest Streets in the center of town when President Young visited the community. However, according to tradition, he led them here to "Sagebrush Hill," the highest point on Main Street, and said, "This is the spot for your tabernacle." The selection of this site ensured that the building would be visible for many miles across the valley. President Young and Territorial Surveyor Jesse W. Fox laid the cornerstones on May 9, 1865.

Construction proceeded slowly as local manpower was diverted to completing the transcontinental railroad. Work on the building resumed in earnest in 1876, mostly with donated labor. Local craftsmen used quartzite, sandstone, and lumber from the nearby mountains. Women donated produce from their gardens and eggs laid on Sundays to sell for the needed cash for glass and other materials that could not be produced locally. Fourteen years after Brigham Young laid the cornerstones, the first meeting in the partially completed building took place on May 27, 1879.

As originally built, the tabernacle

was sturdy but plain in appearance. However, in 1889 a conference of the Box Elder Stake voted to "complete" the building. In the following months, a tower, a gallery, a rear vestibule, brick buttresses with decorative caps, and other improvements were added to beautify the structure. Church President Wilford Woodruff dedicated the finished building on October 28, 1890.

On Sunday, February 9, 1896, as people began to assemble for afternoon services, a fire started in the furnace room. No one was injured, but despite frantic efforts, only smoke-blackened stone walls remained an hour later. Stake President Rudger Clawson supervised reconstruction over the next thirteen months. The new tabernacle was even finer than the old with elegant woodwork, a distinctive gothic-revival tower, and sixteen graceful pinnacles. On March 21, 1897, George Q. Cannon, first counselor to President Woodruff, dedicated the rebuilt structure.

Throughout the following years, the people of Brigham City and neighboring towns have preserved and maintained this beloved building. In 1971, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, one of the first buildings in Utah to be so honored. Beginning in 1985, an extensive restoration program replaced the mechanical and electrical systems, reinforced the structure, and carefully renewed both the exterior and interior to guarantee the continued preservation of this magnificent landmark.



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A Pioneer Story

by Marian C. Smith

A charming book has been written about my great-grandmother, Ann Toomer Fry Littlefield. It is entitled: "What Price Zion" (and was written by Carol Partridge McIntosh and Carole Osborne Cole). Many of the stories related herein had been told to me as a child by my mother.

My great-grandmother was a laundress. What else could she do? She was left with three small children to raise after her husband, John Fry, a British sailor, was lost at sea. She and her sister, Sarah Jane, opened a laundry and developed a large clientele. They worked hard to support themselves and the children, John, Sarah Jane and Fanny.

One day while delivering laundry, Sarah saw a notice of a meeting to be held by "Mormon Elders" and asked Ann if she would like to go. They invited William Littlefield, whom Ann had subsequently married after John's death, but he declined. So the two sisters went. As Ann Littlefield listened to the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in a rented hall in Portsmouth, England, her pulse quickened. A growing excitement started somewhere in the pit of her stomach and spread rapidly through her veins. What these ordinary-looking men from America are saying is true--undeniably and marvelously true!

Sarah accepts the Church at once, and Ann rushes home to share the joyous news with her husband. But Will is appalled. This new religion urges its converts to emigrate to America, and rejects everything he holds dear. When she tells him she purchased a Book of Mormon, he says, "For heaven's sake, Ann, don't show that thing to any of our neighbors. They'll think we've gone daft." His words proved true, and the religion became a great cause of disagreement between Will and Ann. When she tucked tracts in the laundry that she returned, she lost most of her customers, and Will was made fun of at work.

Ann clings to her testimony and attends the church meetings. She asks for Will's blessing when she

wants to be baptised. "I can give you no such blessing," Will spoke in biting tones. "I can't tie you down and lock you in the house . . . but I don't want my children mixed up in this. Promise that and I'll not stand in the way of your baptism."

On a cool mid-October day, Ann Toomer Fry Littlefield was baptised. In spite of her wet clothes, a familiar comforting warmth filled her soul and sang through her veins. The rightness of this hard-won step filled her heart and steeled her. It was strength she was to need in a fairly short time.

One evening as she was attending a church meeting, listening to the Elders talk of gathering to Zion, she was roused from her thoughts by a loud disturbance. "I'll have my wife. Yes, my wife, and my children, too." It was Will's voice. He had done this before--several times, and had escorted her and the children out of the hall. But this time the presiding elder spoke up. "Sister Littlefield, be seated. We'll put an end to these interruptions, once and for all." A policeman, who had been asked to be on call, strode purposefully up the aisle toward Will and took him firmly by the elbow. "Ere now, sir, we'll 'ave none o' that. These folks 'ave the right to meet wi'out the likes o' you descending on 'em. They may be a peculiar lot, but they got their rights, same as you'n me."

That night when Ann and the children got home from church, she met an angry Will. "You'r going to be busy, Ann--busy earning the money to feed and clothe this family. I'm through supporting your fancy notions. I'll pay the rent, but beyond that you'll not get a farthing from my wages."

When she saw Sarah the next day, Sarah asked, "Ann, Ann, whatever will you do?" Ann replied, "What else can I do but work to feed us." "You'll not leave the church," Sarah stated, but with a question in her voice. "Heaven knows I don't want to, but how much longer can I go on. It's easier knowing you're with me, Sarah. You always seem to bring me through."

"Oh, don't say that--our brother James and his family are leaving with the next ship for Zion. And I'm going with them."

Time went on and Ann tried in different ways to interest Will in the church to no effect. One Sunday morning she dressed the children for church. Little Joseph was to be blessed that morning. Will spoke in a low voice, "You will be taking the children, I suppose." "As I always do," responded Ann. "But not Joey." "La, and hes no bother." "It's not the bother and you know it." "I'm telling you the boy stays." They discuss it heatedly. Will stood in the doorway. "So you intend to disregard me once again, do you?" Ann kept silent. He left and soon returned. "Go if you will, but by heaven, Ann, if you pass by me I will cut you both down!" In his arms he gripped an ax, and he raised it high above his head. Ann, with Joseph in her arms and Mary Ann, David and Lydia clinging fearfully to her skirts, stood equally as firm. "If it's my life is required, It's my life I'll give," she thought. Without a glance at Will, she brushed her husband back from the door and moved by, the children trailing after her. The ax clattered to the floor.

When they returned after church, Ann wondered what to expect. But as she approached the door, in the last vestiges of light, Ann spotted the candle and matches he had left on the table for her. She lit the candle and called the children to her. In the soft glow of the flickering light, they knelt to pray.

One night as Ann lay in bed, after having whispered fervent prayers, she had a dream. She was walking in a forest when she met a man. Somehow she knew this man was a prophet of the Lord. She hurried toward him and begged to be allowed to go to Zion. He smiled kindly and took her by the hand and spoke softly to her. "It's not yet time. There is work for you to do. You must wait, for more children are to come to you." "But how long must I wait?" He smiled again, "Ten years, my dear, and then you shall go to Zion." Ann had seven children at that time. How would she get them all to Zion? And more coming!

When once again she realized she was pregnant, it was with twins. She rejoiced because at last the children promised to her in the dream were on their way. The pregnancy was

difficult, and she told Will that she would need help with her work if she were to carry them to term. "This wouldn't be a trick to get my wages, would it?" He refused. Finally the three older children managed passage to Zion in the spring of 1858. Towards the end of the year, sister Sarah writes that the girls have arrived, but John stayed in New York to work for money to continue his journey West. Ann's heart soared knowing that two were in Zion and the third would be there soon. The next year Sarah Jane wrote happily that she was to marry William Eddington. This made Ann very happy and she counted her blessings. Even Will was a blessing in some ways. He kept her ever pointed in the right direction. She could turn neither to the right nor to the left in defending the church. By constantly throwing obstacles in her path, he had fortified her, pushed her constantly into seeking the Lord's help--forced her to build an unshakable faith.

Her brother, William came to live with her, and she and Will graciously took him in. He was very ill and needed nursing which Ann lovingly performed.

She received a sad letter from William Eddington advising her that Sarah Jane had died in childbirth. It devastated Ann that she withdrew behind a wall of grief. Will realized that only time would ultimately heal Ann's pain, but nevertheless he felt impelled to attempt a shock treatment. Without any preliminary warning or announcement, he very quietly, one day, laid his wages on the table. Ann stared at the coins . . . Will, after all this time, had once again taken on full support of his family.

One evening in church, Zion seemed to be on everyone's tongue. Ann was dejected as they all sang "Oh Zion, when I think of thee . . . I long for pinions like the dove . . . And mourn to think that I should be . . . so distant from the love I love . . ." After, Elder David Kimball walked home with them. He looked down into her eyes and said, "Mother, you are to go to Zion this year." How could she do it? No money . . . an ill brother to nurse . . . Will's ill-concealed hostility--but it had been ten years since her dream.

Elder Kimball helped her get

money from John and William Eddington. Her brother, William, took a turn for the worse and died. "Strange," she thought as she stood by his graveside. "We must learn some lessons over and over. How often I've been lifted up in prayer, rescued through prayer, comforted and guided by prayer--yet still I doubt and wonder, only to be taught again and again that the Lord knows our needs."

So she planned to go to Zion. Their clothing had been sent ahead to a friend's; a note to Will was written. The children had been told to be very careful as they were leaving that the neighbors would not suspect anything. After they had all left, Ann followed them to the depot. The tickets were bought and the bellowing engine rushed clacking into the station. Ann breathed a sigh of relief! The first awful, wonderful, frightening step was accomplished. She was really on her way to Zion--all six of her children about her. Brother Kimball led them to a garret room he had leased, high above the first floor of a coffee-house. Their room looked out over the Thames and what appeared to be hundreds of ships at anchor, their masts looking like a defoliated forest. The children were kept in the room for four days, in spite of pleas to go out and see the sights. Ann paced the floor remembering Will's words, "I'll see us all dead before I allow any of you to leave England."

On the fourth day, Brother Kimball bounded into the room totally unaware of their anxiety. "Tomorrow the ship sails." He waved a newspaper at her which read: The Hudson, their ship, had departed three days before. Ann cried, "Will will think we have already left when he reads this newspaper."

Nevertheless, after they were registered on the ship, Brother Kimball led them down to the third deck of the ship, where as yet another precaution, they were hidden behind a large accumulation of luggage. With clammy hands, Ann shook Brother Kimball's hand in farewell. He bent and kissed her forehead. "Godspeed, mother." Ann was surprised to see tears in his eyes.

The story goes on, but I'll stop here, having told in part what price Ann Littlefield paid for entry into Zion.

Sugar House Chapter Enjoys Special Christmas Program

by Merrill Croft

When the members of the Sugar House Chapter gathered for their regular meeting on December 14, 1988, they found the hall beautifully decorated with emblems and decorations typical of the Christmas season.

President Merrill W. Croft called the meeting to order, introduced the guests and invited those present to enjoy their dinner. And enjoy it they did; for it was a special holiday meal with all the trimmings.

A special entertainment followed at 8:00 p.m. Ruth Hale, from the Hale Players, told the story of "Mary." It was the life of the Saviour as told by his mother. Members were enthralled by this presentation which so enhanced the Christmas spirit.

Then came a special musical presentation by Julie Hewlett, conductor, and her Highland High Madrigals.

The evening was so enthralling that it attracted Santa Claus himself. He stopped by the hall to present a gift for each lady present. He left nothing for the men, saying that they "had not been good enough and must share with their wives."

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Settlement Canyon Chapter Installs Officers for 1989

At the regular monthly meeting of the Settlement Canyon Chapter, new officers were installed for the 1989 year.

The meeting and Christmas dinner was held at the St. Marguerites Social Center in Tooele where dinner was served to Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives. Christmas decorations and music enhanced the meeting. Some of the cast members from the Tooele High School production of "Annie" presented musical numbers and scenes from their play. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the 63 present.

Wayne L. Shaw Life Member #322

Wayne L. Shaw was the eldest son in a family of seven children. He was born November 4, 1905 in Union, Utah near Salt Lake City. His father was a dairy farmer and Wayne grew up helping with the farm and the processing and delivering of the milk.

He was ordained a Deacon when reaching ten years of age. He states that his bishop received special permission to do so because he needed a Deacon.

After graduating from the eighth grade, he attended Granite High School and then the University of Utah. After two years at the "U" he was called to fulfill a mission in



England. He then returned to the "U" where he graduated with honors in June of 1930 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

It was during this same month that he married Ellen Ovella Newman in the Salt Lake Temple. Over the years the two of them were joined by five children. In 1959 his wife passed away leaving him with three children still at home.

After a period of time Wayne married LaVerne Burbridge, a widow with three children about the ages of his. They thus combined two families into a very successful one family group. LaVerne passed away suddenly with a blood clot in 1983, as Wayne sat by her bedside.

Wayne has lived a very productive life. Listed is an overview of his many responsibilities and accomplishments: Forty years as an engineering consultant and industrial director for Utah Power and Light Company; received his professional engineering license in 1948; a member of the Department of Business Regulation from 1956 to 1963; a member and, for a time, secretary of the Utah Engineering Council; an officer and chairman of the Illuminating Engineering Society; an honorary life member of the Northwest Electrical Light and Power Association; president and secretary of the Holladay Lions Club with a 45 year membership and also has held other club positions; a life member and charter member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers' Holladay Chapter and was a board

member for several years, secretary and treasurer for several more years, president-elect for one year, and has memorialized five of his ancestors.

Wayne has held and completed many LDS Church assignments. He has been a counselor in the bishopric, a stake clerk, a high councilor in three stakes, and many other assignments. During his marriage to LaVerne, the couple fulfilled a mission in the state of Washington. He is presently a Patriarch emeritus in the Holladay South Stake. He was ordained a Patriarch on June 9, 1970. He is a long-time temple worker and sealer.

At last count his family consisted of five children, three step-children, twenty-seven grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren. Three of his children and seven of the grandchildren have served missions.

Wayne L. Shaw is a very outstanding individual. He was recently honored as such by the Holladay Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Beehive Chapter

On Wednesday, November 16, 1988, the President of the Beehive Chapter, R. Richard Steed, presented to Dr. Lowell L. Bennion a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to help in feeding the hungry. It had been the unanimous decision of the membership of the chapter that this presentation be made.

A letter of appreciation has been received from Richard K. Winters, the Executive Director of the Community Services Council, thanking the Chapter for their contribution. It read as follows: "Please express our deep appreciation to the members of the Beehive Chapter for the \$1,000 contribution to the Community Services Council - Salt Lake Food Bank. You have a standing invitation to visit our facility anytime to see your contribution in action distributing food to the hungry in our city."

This donation came from those who have taken treks with the Beehive Chapter and Ross Wilhelmsen, Trekmaster.

Chapter Helps Needy

When Hollis D. Smith became president of the Holladay Chapter on January 1, 1988, he came well prepared to assume his duties and with a worthwhile project in mind as a bonus. With the approval and blessings of the officers and directors of the chapter and of Frank A. Brown, Area Vice President, the Public Service Fund came into being.

At the first dinner meeting, and at each one since, an old-fashioned glass candy jar and an appropriate sign on a small tripod was placed on the table just inside the door of the Heritage Hall. Vernon J. Taylor, President-elect for this year, was the first in line with a very proper contribution. Close behind him came other members of the chapter to do their part. This went on throughout the 1988 year. Following the December 9th dinner meeting, the year's proceeds were used to help six needy families with those necessities that are a part of Christmas.

Assistance was given to three single-parent families in the valley. In each case the mother has been left with a young family and without support. Each is doing her best to provide, but sometimes this is still not enough.

A Vietnamese family, with the father working for a low wage and the wife attending school to learn English and a skill, was determined as being in need of help.

The final two were elderly widows barely able to sustain themselves. One of these has only one leg and is confined to a wheelchair most of the time.

The chapter members felt very good about the project and how it was carried out. Small contributions from many brought Christmas cheer to givers and recipients.



Elmo Wilson



Charlotte Booth

Widow Honors Deceased Husband With A Life Membership

by Elma Wilson

I would like to thank the Jordan River Temple chapter for giving me the opportunity and making it possible for me to buy a life membership for my deceased husband, Wm. Walter Wilson. Because he was proud of the heritage that his pioneer parents had left him, I feel honored to place his name with and among those who have chosen (while they are still living) to have their names honored and revered not only by those who are now living but for the future generation who will view them as pioneers of today. I would like to extend this invitation to all the single women who may have not known this could be an opportunity for them to revere and honor their husband as a life member on the beautiful life membership gallery in the national building of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Not only will this be an honor for you and your husband, but you will feel now that you are a part of the organization in helping to achieve their goals.

My husband, John Theodore Booth, became a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and together, we enjoyed the association and friendships that we made with others who had joined the Jordan River Temple chapter. We also enjoyed the friends whom we met on the tours and treks as well as the dinners that we always looked forward to attending for the purpose of more good associations with our friends, a delightful meal that was served and always a very wholesome evening of entertainment.

Because I miss having him here with me to do these things, I have decided to have his name placed on the life membership roll on the gallery in the national building where it can be seen along with all the other good men who have done this. Theodore's name then will be listed in the history of the life membership program for future generations to see. I will feel more a part of it and would like to challenge other women who are in the same situation as I am to take

Chapter Eternal

Anton LaMont Nielson

Anton LaMont Nielson, 87, a member of the Twin Peaks Chapter, died September 30, 1988. He was an electrical engineer by profession, and was employed by General Electric, Pittsburg Crucible Steel and for Thomas Steel before returning to Utah to found and operate his own company. He was also an inventor and has several patents to his name. He held many positions in the LDS Church including Bishop, Branch President, Temple Worker and Boy Scout Leader. His wife preceded him in death, but he is survived by a sister, two sons, three daughters, twenty-five grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

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Fermen J. Westergard

Fermen J. Westergard, age 80, a member of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter, died November 8, 1988. Brother Westergard was a teacher by profession. He was also an active, creative artist in his own right. He taught art in several Weber County schools. His special interest was in depicting the rural country scene. He held many positions in the LDS Church; the last of which was a receptionist in the Ogden Temple. He is survived by his wife, Lois Billings Westergard of Ogden.

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Gordon Schoenfield

Gordon Schoenfield, age 81, a member of the Salt Lake City Chapter, died October 9, 1988. He left surviving are his widow, Bernita Richins Schoenfield and many family members. He will be missed.

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Reed Foremaster Hunt

Reed Foremaster Hunt, age 64, died December 3, 1988. He was a member of the Hurricane Valley Chapter. Reed was born in St. George, Utah on October 23, 1924 and passed away at the home of his son in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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We have received word that the following members of the Settlement Canyon Chapter passed away during 1988. We do not have further details for an expanded obituary: Joseph F. Parrish in February, P. John Labrum in July, and Merrill T. Terry in December.

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